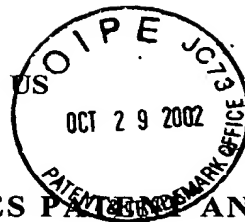


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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002 (Paper No. 15). A petition for a two month extension of time to extend the response date to November 5, 2002, is enclosed herewith. No other fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-502 (NOV-2.)

Please amend this application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 67 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend claim 62 as follows:

D1 62. (amended once) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36.

Please add the following claims:

D2 77. (new) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:38.

78. (new) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:40.

79. (new) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:41

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the claims showing the changes made appears as Appendix A of this Amendment.